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SUBJ: FFP-INSECT CONTROL AND FUMIGATION CONSULTANT TDY TO

SAHEL - DONALD A. WILBUR, JR.

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1. APPRECIATE EFFORTS IN SECURING SERVICES OF SOMEONE OF WILBUR'S CALIBER. HOWEVER, BELIEVE HIS VISIT TO LOME WOULD BE OF MARGINAL UTILITY AND POSSIBLY AN OVERREACTION TO SINGLE INCIDENT THIS YEAR. ON THAT ONE OCCASION WHEN AGENCY OF GOT DETERMINED THAT FUMIGATION OF SAHEL GRAIN WAS NECESSARY, TREATMENT WAS DONE QUICKLY, PROFESSIONALLY, AND WITHOUT FUSS OR BOTHER. THERE ARE NO SAHEL GRAINS CURRENTLY IN PORT OF LOME.

2. GOT VEGETABLE PROTECTION CENTER ALREADY HAS GERMAN TECHNICAL TEAM ADVISING THEM ON INSECT CONTROL PROGRAMS, FUMIGATION TECHNIQUES, ETC. ANOTHER GROUP OF EXPATRIATES, PRIMARILY GERMANS, HELPING RUN PORT OF LOME, INCLUDING ITS WAREHOUSE FACILITIES. THUS, GOT APPEARS TO BE RECEIVING ALREADY ADEQUATE FOREIGN ADVICE AND GUIDANCE IN THESE AREAS.

3. MOREOVER, EVEN IF PORT AND OTHER GOT OFFICIALS BELIEVED

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THAT THEY HAD PEST CONTROL PROBLEMS, AND WE SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT

THEY DO FEEL THIS WAY, TOGOLESE ARE NOT LIKELY TO ACT ON THE
ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATION OFFERED BY UNINVITED OUTSIDE EXPERT.
THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF ADVICE BASED UPON FLASH VISIT
SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED FOR WILBUR 3.00 PM ON 9/24 TO 6:00 AM
9/25). DURING HIS ABBREVIATED LOME VISIT, CONSULTANT COULD
NOT EVEN BEGIN TO FULFILL SCOPE OF WORK FOR TOGO OUTLINED
PARA 3 REF (A).

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE IT FAR MORE BENEFICIAL
FOR ALL CONCERNED IF WE ENCOURAGE LOME PORT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE
TO DAKAR MEETING AND PROFIT FROM WILBUR'S EXPERTISE IN THAT
FORUM.RAWLS

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